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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A computing system comprising a central processing unit, associated memory, input/output devices and containing an e-mail system, characterized in that the computer system includes a remote control device comprising:

- means to convert speech to text;
- means to transmit the text to the e-mail system;
- means to receive text from the e-mail system;
- means to convert the received text into speech; and
- means to select and access the received e-mail in the e-mail system.

wherein, said remote control device (RCD) further includes means to display the received email messages, and

A computing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the remote control device is customized by a user to speak aloud the sender, date, subject, e-mail content and attachment for incoming mail.

4. (currently amended) A computing system as claimed in claim 3 wherein the remote control device includes means for selecting an email message or folder.

5. (currently amended) A computing system comprising a central processing unit, associated memory, input/output devices and containing an e-mail system, characterized in that it includes a remote control device comprising:

- means to convert speech to text;
- means to transmit the text to the e-mail system;
- means to receive text from the e-mail system;
- means to convert the received text into speech; and
- means to select and access the received e-mail in the e-mail system.